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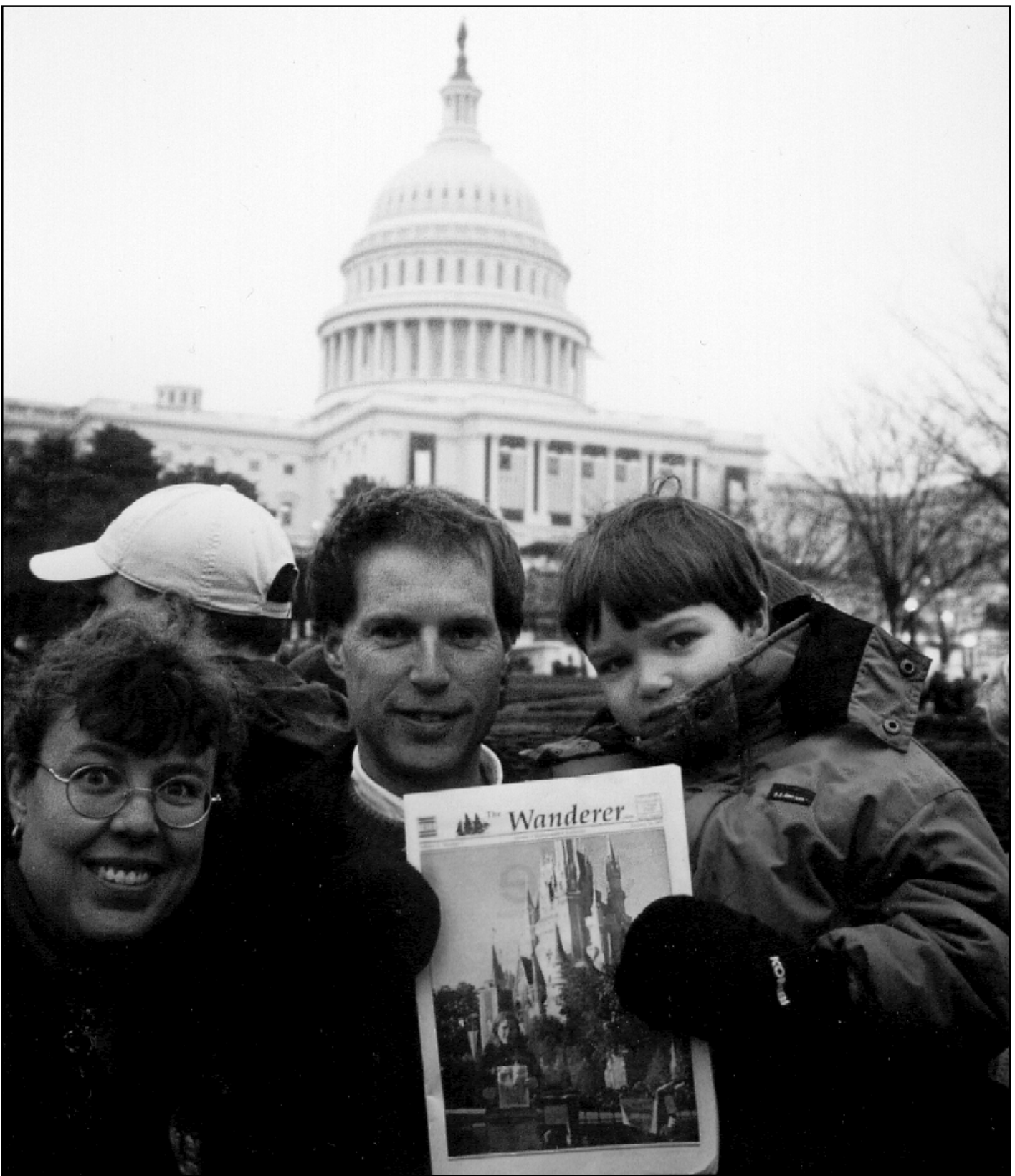
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Authors to Appear in Mattapoisett
 By Anne Bigelow

A talk and book signing will be held on Sunday, January 28 at 2:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall (Route 6 in Mattapoisett) by two authors — G.H. Ephron and Jamie Katz of the mystery genre — sponsored by the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library.

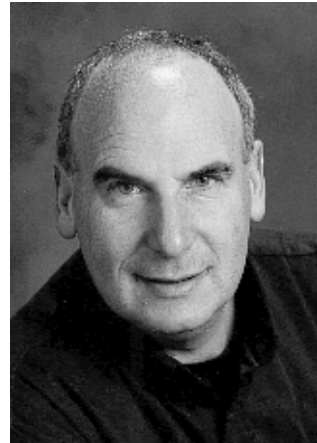
G.H. Ephron is actually a two-person author — Hallie Ephron, writer, and A.A. Greeley (David Davidoff, Ph.D.), a practicing forensic neuropsychologist, head of a Special Care Unit at McLean Hospital, and instructor in psychology at Harvard Medical School. He has done extended exploration of the borderland between mind and brain and has testified as a legal witness. He and his wife live in urban Boston and enjoy rowing on the Charles River.

Hallie Ephron grew up and was educated in Southern California, the third of four daughters of the screenwriting pair Phoebe and Henry Ephron (writers of *Carousel*, *Daddy Long Legs*, and *The Desk Set*), in a very formidable household. Several careers in teaching and multimedia design preceded Hallie's writing career. Married to a physicist, a mother of two talented daughters, she lives on Boston's South Shore.

Hallie and Don knew each other in college and are avid mystery fans. They joined forces in 1996 which resulted in *Amnesia*, introducing Dr. Peter Zak in a tale of murder, trauma and memory loss.

Jamie Katz's family has had a home in

Mattapoisett since the 1940s, where they keep a fleet of small boats and live regularly throughout the year. Jamie is a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Virginia Law School, has practiced law in Boston, has been Assistant Regional Counsel for the U.S.



Above: Mystery authors G.H. (Hallie) Ephron (left) and Jamie Katz (right) will be appearing at the Mattapoisett Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 this Sunday, January 28 at 2:30 pm for a book signing to benefit the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library. Ms. Ephron, the sister of film-maker Nora Ephron (*Sleepless in Seattle*, *You've Got Mail*) will be signing copies of her novel *Amnesia*, while part-time Mattapoisett resident Mr. Katz (*Dead Low Tide*) will sign his latest, *A Summer For Dying*.

Cabin Fever Trivia Contest

Last week's Cabin Fever Trivia Contest question was: "Name any two characters who were at one time a boyfriend of Maggie O'Connell." For those die hard Northern Exposure fans - can you name the person who ended the show as Maggie's boyfriend (this time it looks serious). Maggie had several boyfriends including Joel Fleishman (Rob Morrow), Mike Monroe (Anthony Edwards), Rick, and the final love of her life was Chris Stevens (John Corbett).

This week's trivia question is: What are the radio station call letters used for the local radio station in Cicely? And a tougher question for the die hard fans, what is the name of the local newspaper?

Place your answer on a post card and mail it to: Cabin Fever Trivia Contest, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, or drop it by our office at 55 County Road, Mattapoisett to enter. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number with your answer. We will be giving away another Northern Exposure coffee mug straight from Ruth Ann's General Store in "Cicely, Alaska", aka. Roslyn, Washington.

On the cover: Posing with a copy of *The Wanderer* outside the Capitol Building in Washington, DC during last Saturday's Inauguration Ceremony to swear in President George W. Bush are Mattapoisett residents (l. to r.) Carrie Tucker, Tom Tucker, and their son, six-year-old Tommy Tucker, a student in Mrs. Evans' Grade 1 class at Center School. The family obtained tickets to the historic event through Congressman Barney Frank's office. (Photo by and courtesy of Carrie Tucker.)

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Environmental Agency, and has participated in continuing education programs and published articles in the fields of charities, environmental, and disabilities law.

Jamie as Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts now holds the office of Chief of the Public Charities Division in the office of Attorney General. He lives with his wife, Cynthia Piltch, Ph.D. and four-year-old daughter, Lee, in Watertown, MA. Lee has become the latest convert to Mattapoisett.

Jamie has written another page-turner in *A Summer for Dying*. The story involves a real estate venture, a proposed golf course, and a children's summer camp resulting in murder.

Education Bill

Local Legislators Support Voke Recognition

Superintendent-Director David J. Ferreira of Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School complimented the effort and diligence of State Representatives Antonio Cabral, Robert Koczera, Ruth Provost, John Quinn, George Rogers, David Sullivan, and William Straus for their leadership in sponsoring a Bill that would afford recognition to the skills of Vocational-Technical High School students.

The area legislators are but a few of the 81 State Representatives and 23 State Senators signed on in support of a Bill which would ensure that students who attend Vocational-Technical schools be allowed to

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demonstrate a mastery of core skills as well as competencies in knowledge in a particular trade or professional skill — something that the current Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) does not presently recognize.

The "Greene/Magnani Bill" calls for an expansion of the current MCAS system to include assessment of a student's technical skills, as well as specific academic competencies most central to that trade or professional skill area. Mastery of such skills would allow attainment of a "certificate in occupational proficiency" which would be recognized as an accepted basis for high school graduation, and therefore recognize the experiential/practical learning style exhibited by

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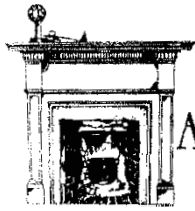
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"Our representatives recognize that the one-size-fits-all MCAS is not an educationally-defensible assessment of the unique learning style of Old Colony's students," said Mr. Ferreira. "Our area's delegation has the foresight to envision an assessment system which strengthens academic achievement while maintaining the integrity of our students' technical preparation."

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

January 22, 2001

By Rebecca Fortin

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Paul Lambalot at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 22, 2001. Also present were Selectman Ray Andrews and Executive Secretary Carol Adams. Selectman Barry Denham was not present for the meeting.

After unanimously approving the minutes for the meetings on Monday, January 8 and January 16, as well as Executive Session minutes of Tuesday, January 16, and January 19, 2001, the board appointed Stephen H. O'Hara as a firefighter with a term to expire April 30, 2001.

The first appointment for the evening was with Doug Cameron, an engineer with the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement, who was present to discuss the ramp repairs taking place at town wharf. He explained to the board that the contract for such repairs, which includes the demolition work, the construction of a copper dam, as well as the construction of new walls and a boat ramp, has been approved and that work should begin by the first of the month. In a pre-construction meeting last week with the contractor, Mr. Cameron also discussed such important issues as the placement of the fence and the location of the fence

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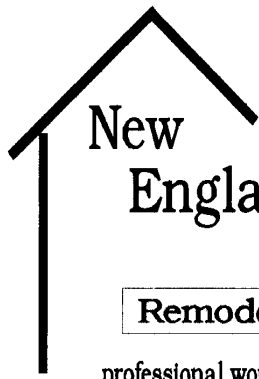
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needed for construction use. The goal is to minimize the work area and to allow complete access to the ramp, if necessary.

Harbormaster Steve Mach, also present for the discussion, raised his concern regarding the demolition of the old ramp before the new one is built. Citing the responsibility to the thousands of boaters who rely on the ramp, his concern is that once the old ramp is gone and if there were to be a design problem with the construction of the new one, that there would be an obvious obstacle to the new construction.

Mr. Cameron assured them that the plans that the contractor has are a "well-thought-out approach," and that should not be an issue. He also explained that the

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contractors are aware of the underground utilities and that DigSafe has already been contacted. The project should be finished by May 1, 2001.

The next appointment on the agenda was with Marilou Newall from AFC Cable Systems who discussed the issue Town Hall has with deficient wiring within the building. She explained that her company ordinarily caters to construction companies, but that she is a town resident, and her interest in the Town Hall is personal.

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Capital Needs Committee member Randall Kunz came before them once again to offer his volunteer services to the town. Since the committee has ceased to exist, due to lack of volunteers, he feels that since such a committee is needed, he will go back on board from a year to year basis until a committee can be formed again. Ideally, it is a five-person committee. Thus far, Mr. Kunz knows of one other resident who is interested in coming

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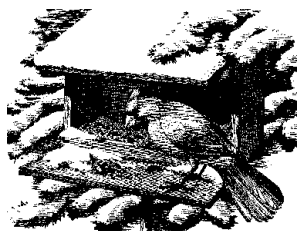
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on board, and hopes that more volunteers will come forward.

Lastly, town resident Dan Goodman came before the board to discuss the possible construction of a new sludge treatment plant proposed for Fairhaven. Although it is a different town, Mr. Goodman is concerned that the pollution it creates could certainly affect Mattapoisett residents. The impact such a plant could have on Mattapoisett is substantial, he feels. The plant would process raw sewage from all over New England, which would be carried in on 20 to 30 trucks daily, carrying 400 tons of sewage.

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wetlands, residential areas, restaurants, and a senior center, as well as having little or no control over what is carried in these trucks are just some of the concerns. Mr. Goodman provided the board with information on the proposed plant and thought perhaps that they could draft a letter of concern. The project is being voted on next week in Fairhaven.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

- Letter from Attorney Elizabeth Kunz requesting the board's vote not to exercise its option to purchase property owned by Dennis Mahoney & Sons, Inc. which is classified a Chapter 61B (recreational).

- Letter from Fire Chief Ronald Scott expressing concern over the location of a retention pond on Center School property. Selectman Andrews added that underground systems will be installed instead.

- A copy of a letter sent to Police Chief Mary Lyons was received from Charles A. Morgan expressing his appreciation for the rapid ambulance response he received while experiencing a severe breathing problem recently.

- Copy of the first status report from Bob Cummings, LSP, of East Coast Engineering, Inc. for the Supplemental Remedial Abatement Measure relative to the police department gasoline spill.

- Notice requesting the Board's presence for the formal dedication of the Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Agawam on Monday, May 21 at 10:00 am.

- A notice from the Greater Boston Police Council announcing an "Internet Crime Town Meeting Training Session" on Wednesday, January 24 at 7:00 pm in the Barnstable High School Performance Arts Center. Chief Lyons indicated that she would send someone to attend.

- Letter from Water/Sewer Commission



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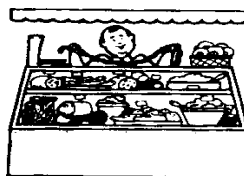
Executive Secretary Carol Adams reminded residents that the weekly Board of Selectmen's meetings are being broadcast live every Monday night at 7:00 pm on Channel 97 or 98.

Selectman Andrews will be discussing the Old Hammondtown and Center School renovations in detail in the next two Selectmen's meetings. He reminded the town that there is a 65 percent reimbursement rate from the state if this renovation is approved, costing the town \$8.7 million. But, that as of June 1 that rate will go down to 51.25 percent. That means that the \$25 million project would cost the town \$12 million. It is a "no frills" renovation providing the two schools with the much needed space. It would provide the 350 students at Center School an additional 10 classrooms, going from 15 to 25 rooms. Old Hammondtown School would see its 250 students go from 12 classrooms to 18. The renovation

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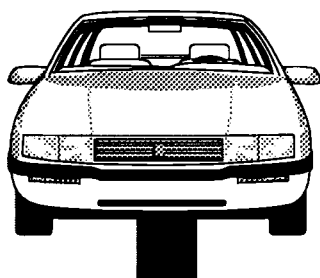
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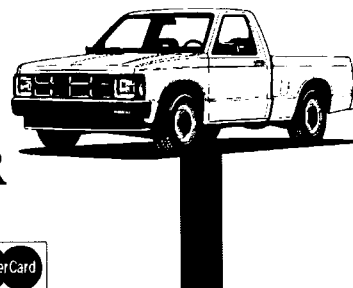
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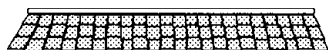
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The situation at the schools is "stretched to the limit" and if the town continues to do the "band-aid approach," according to Selectman Andrews, the \$8 million figure will soon be reached and the town will have to pay 100 percent.

Selectman Andrews said that we "owe it to our children" and that this is the most cost-effective way to accomplish the project. In the following two Selectmen's meetings, the renovations will be discussed in more detail. There will also be a Special Town Meeting on this issue on Monday, February 12 and a Special Town Election will be held the following day on Tuesday, February 13.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:15 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

January 23, 2001

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, January 23, 2001 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Albert Winters. Also present were Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer, Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson, and Secretary Helene Craver.

Chairman Winters noted a letter was being sent to area towns inviting them to attend a swearing in ceremony for newly-appointed Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock to be held on Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 pm.

After signing and approving treasury warrants #29-2001, #28, #30-2001, and #30, and unanimously approving the minutes of the January 9 and January 16 meetings, the board appointed members to the Facility Study Committee with terms to expire on January 31, 2001.

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At 7:05 pm the board met with Animal Control Office (ACO) Susan King to discuss ongoing problems with a restrained Akita dog in town. Ms. King informed the board that on the previous evening she had been called to 10 Seaside Lane for a dog attack. A dog owned by the Bibeau family at the address had been attacked by an unrestrained female black and white Akita identified as being owned and under the supervision of the Milcher/Collins family residing at 11 Spinnaker Lane.

Ms. King added that previously, on August 4, 1999, both this same female Akita and another male Akita owned by the same family was involved in a similar attack. On April 21, 2000 the male dog was ordered destroyed by the Board of Selectmen. "It was my understanding that the surviving female Akita was taken out of town," Ms. King said. "The dog is back ... (and) the owners have been unwilling to keep the dog restrained. There is a kennel on the property, but the dog is never in it when I arrive."

Given that the owners and caretakers of this animal have been unwilling to cooperate in keeping the animal restrained — as per an order from the Board of Selectmen — and that it has attacked another animal, Ms. King said she would recommend the female Akita also be destroyed.

"It's a difficult decision to make, but if the owners are not willing to abide by the restraining order, the only other option is to order the dog out of town," Ms. King said.

Selectman Winters was reluctant to order the animal away, however, claiming it would only be "passing our problems off to another town."



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"It seems to me that we've dealt with this family before and made it known that a restraining order is a very serious thing," Selectman Schaefer said.

With that, the board unanimously voted to support Ms. King's recommendation to order the female Akita destroyed. The owners/caretakers of the animal have ten days to appeal the board's decision before action is taken.

"We need to notify Mr. Collins, who's basically the keeper of the dog," Ms. King said. "No one is really taking

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responsibility for the dog — and Akitas require a fair amount of attention."

At 7:20 pm the board met with Harbormaster Charles Bradley and members of the Marine Resource Commission (MRC) to consider the MRC's proposed "per foot" assessment fee on boats moored in Sippican Harbor to be used to fund several needed harbor projects over the next five years. The MRC determined several capital improvement projects and renovations which need to be done and divided the total estimated cost by the total footage of boats moored in the harbor to come up with a rate of \$1.93 per foot to be assessed on each boat in addition to the base mooring fee.

"There are a lot of other towns using similar rate structures," Mr. Bradley said. "They charge a base fee plus additional assessment to pay for needed projects."

MRC Chairman Luke Lomeland said they held public meetings and didn't have anyone come forward to object to the proposed assessment. Both the MRC and Selectmen did receive some letters from residents, however, some of which were opposed to the proposal, but most of which were in favor. "I had four people talk to me about it, and three were in favor," Chairman Winters said.

Selectman Schaefer suggested that the rate be rounded off to \$2 per foot to avoid accounting "nightmares" and also because the assessment was based on "today's dollars."

Everyone agreed, and with that the Board of



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Selectmen unanimously voted to approve the MRC's recommended \$2 per foot fee to be assessed on all boats moored in the harbor, effective with the April 1, 2001 billing cycle.

Under incoming correspondence, the board received:

- Letter and notices of claim from Michael McGrath of Town Counsels Perry, Hicks, Crotty and Deshaies regarding a claim made by Richard, Joshua and Jacqueline Sylvia against the Town of Marion for an automobile accident which took place on November 16, 2000 on Route 6 (Mill Street). According to an attached letter from Michael J. Roche, Senior Claims Specialist: "The Town of Marion is not legally liable for this unfortunate accident. Claims arising from alleged defects in the public way are governed by Chapter 84 of the Massachusetts General Statutes ... the public way on which your clients sustained their injuries, Mill Street (also known as Route 6) is a state road and is neither owned nor maintained by the Town of Marion."

Mr. Roche also maintained that based on an investigation into the incident, "we have determined the operator of the claimant vehicle, Ryan Sylvia, significantly contributed to this accident by driving his vehicle through an 'S' curve at a speed in excess of the lawful speed limit."

- Notification from Thomas A. Molloy, Acting Administrator of the Wareham Community Development Authority and Department that Marion's recent grant application could not be processed because "it came to our attention that Marion has not received its Executive Order 418 Certification and is therefore excluded from applying for CDBG grant funds."

- Notice from Congressman Barney Frank that his Washington, DC office address has changed to 2252 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515-2104.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:32 pm.



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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

January 22, 2001

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, January 22 at 6:45 pm by Chairman pro tem Patricia Ryan in the cafetorium of Memorial School on Pine Street prior to a scheduled Special Town Meeting later that evening. Selectmen Chairman Naida Parker arrived late for the meeting.

The board unanimously approved payment of an invoice for Town Counsels Perry, Hicks, Crotty and Deshaies in the amount of \$4,220.50, and then heard Town Administrator James Huntoon's weekly report. Mr.

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Huntoon advised that the City of New Bedford Water Department sent them a memo regarding water withdrawal issues in Rochester. This dialogue is the result of an ongoing water study being conducted by Tibbetts Engineering. Mr. Huntoon added that the town will be discussing similar issues with Marion officials, most likely sometime in June.

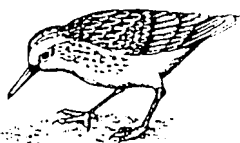
Under incoming correspondence, the board received a memo from the Planning Board informing them that due to the resignation of Diane Wood, there is a vacancy on the board which needs to be filled. The Selectmen encouraged residents who are interested in serving on the Planning Board through the April Annual Town Election should submit a letter of interest to them as soon as possible.

The board also received a letter from Bryan Sherman of Hartley Road regarding the town's proposed purchase of Lots 8 and 9 (the so-called Zyskowski property) off Pine Street slated to be approved at the Special Town Meeting that evening. Mr. Sherman requested that if the purchase is approved, he be given a reasonable period of time to remove sand from the property which abuts a portion of his cranberry bog on the northwest side.

The board received notices of the following meetings:

- January 25 - SRPEDD Community Development Planning Meeting;
- February 1 - SRPEDD Community Preservation

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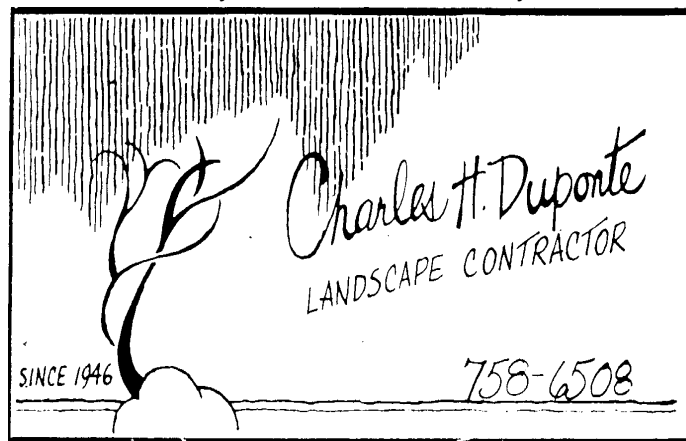


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- February 10 - Statewide Community Preservation Act Conference.

Upon arriving for the meeting, Selectman Parker wanted to know about the proposed Special Town Meeting suggested to be held on March 5 at last week's meeting. Selectman Cutler explained that in order to meet the requirements for the so-called Community Preservation Act to establish a fund in town to purchase open space, they need to get approval of Town Meeting voters before proceeding with a ballot question.

"Do we really want to move forward with this issue without letting voters know what it's about?" asked Selectman Parker.

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Selectman Cutler said he felt they should move forward in order to meet the deadline requirements and, hopefully, inform voters in the interim. "We can have all the paperwork ready," he said. "Seems to me we're losing a great opportunity by waiting."

The referendum question to approve the establishment of a Community Preservation Fund will then appear on the April 11 Annual Town Election ballot. With that, the board unanimously voted to hold a Special Town Meeting on March 5.

The board then recessed at 7:15 pm for the pending Special Town Meeting.

Rochester Special Town Meeting

January 22, 2001

By Kenneth J. Souza

A Special Town Meeting for the Town of Rochester was called to order by Town Moderator Greenwood Hartley at 7:35 pm in the cafetorium of Memorial School on Pine Street having noted the presence of a quorum of 50.

After a Salute to the Flag, Mr. Hartley introduced ARTICLE 1, which requested Town Meeting voters to raise and appropriate a transfer of \$235,000 from the Stabilization Fund to purchase approximately 19.9 acres of land shown as lots 8 and 9 on Assessors Map 37 from the estates of Stanley Zyskowski and Raymond Zyskowski under the town's right of first refusal. A motion was made by Finance Committee (FinCom)

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As a means of explanation, Selectman Cutler noted that from time to time the town is given the opportunity to purchase property which had been placed under a conservation restriction under their "right of first refusal" option. "In this particular case we wanted to bring it before Town Meeting because this particular piece of property would give us a great number of options," Selectman Cutler said. "Back in 1978, the town was given a similar opportunity to buy the Vanderpol property" which was used to build the baseball fields on Dexter Lane and the future Senior Center.

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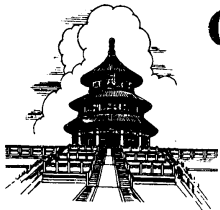
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of land," he added. "In this particular case, this is a good-sized piece of property and it looks like it would be extremely useful."

The property in question is adjacent to the Memorial School, and future school expansion would be a likely potential use for the lots.

"I know that Memorial School will need to be expanded pretty soon," agreed resident Patty Benner. "We're filled to the gills right now."

When asked what would happen to the property if the town passed on its option to buy, Selectman Cutler said he understood the owners might divide it and sell it as eight separate house lots. This move would likely add at least eight students to the Rochester school system, according to FinCom Chairman Costa, thereby incurring a \$6,500 per student cost to the town, or \$52,000 total.

There being no further discussion, ARTICLE 1 was approved via majority vote, 50 to 2.

Under ARTICLE 2, voters were asked to raise and appropriate a sum of money from available funds to pay prior year's bills as provided by MGL Chapter 44, Section 64. FinCom Chairman Costa moved that this article be tabled indefinitely, which was unanimously approved by Town Meeting voters.

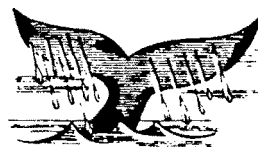
There being no further articles to consider, the Special Town Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Upon reconvening the Selectmen's meeting, the board met with the FinCom at 7:55 pm to discuss setting elected officials' salaries for future fiscal years to avoid having individual officials getting up on Town Meeting floor to defend increases every year.

Mr. Huntoon has been working with the newly-reorganized Personnel Board to address these issues, and he said they were considering a three-percent increase for elected officials over and above the three-percent step increase for all town employees.

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"If you're going to look at the Town Clerk's position, I would ask that there be some type of parity with the Tax Collector and Treasurer positions," added Selectman and Town Clerk Naida Parker, before excusing herself from the discussion.

Both the FinCom and Board of Selectmen agreed that certain elected positions needed to be examined in terms of job descriptions and duties so that an equitable pay scale could be established. Four positions, in particular — the Highway Surveyor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Town Treasurer — should be included in

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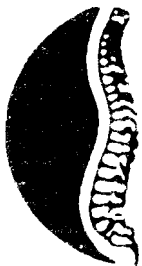
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the study, since they have specific duties involved.

"The Personnel Board should be looking at the individual positions and also have a financial conscience," Selectman Cutler said. "The need to look at both sides of the equation and come up with a recommendation."

With that, the boards jointly decided to charge the Personnel Board with examining the four elected positions — Highway Surveyor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Treasurer — and come back with a uniformed recommendation for setting their salaries on an annual basis. The boards requested a recommendation be made for the FY 2002 budget.

There being no further matters to discuss, the board adjourned for the evening at 8:40 pm.

ORR Sports Insider

By Josh Cushing

School-to-Career Intern

America's most watched event is taking place this Sunday, January 27 in Tampa's Raymond James Stadium. **Super Bowl XXXV** is set to start around 6:00 pm this Sunday night as the **New York Giants** get set to play the **Baltimore Ravens**. This should be a great game. For starters, both teams have very strong defenses. Last week in the NFC championship, the Giants shut out the **Minnesota Vikings** 41-0. This game was a total blow out! No has ever shut out the Vikings while they have been under **Coach Dennis Green**. The Giants held one of the top offenses in the NFL to nothing.

As for the Ravens, they have a very strong defense against the run, proven by limiting a very well-rounded **Oakland Raiders** team to just a field goal in the AFC Championship Game. Both teams especially have a good run defense. The Giants, in addition to having a good run defense, also have a strong secondary with **Jason Sehorn** leading the way for them. Expect to see the Ravens force the Giants to throw the ball as they look to shut down the Giants' tough run game. Even though New York has a good backfield, they are not new to throwing the ball a lot, as last week **Kerry Collins** threw five touchdowns for 381 yards to pass **Troy Aikman's** record. But, you should also expect the Giants to do the same thing with their strong secondary to back up the defensive

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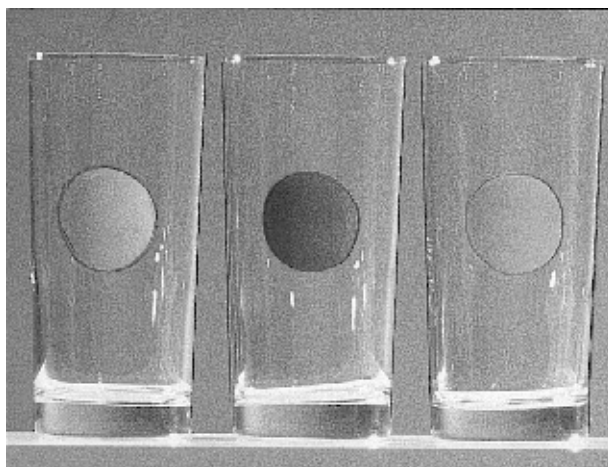
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line and force turnovers.

Overall, this should be a good game that everyone will enjoy watching. Also expect this game to be low scoring as both defenses will be holding the opposing offenses. Look for both defenses to be carrying these teams, as the slightest mistake could decide the game — but do not be surprised to see the Giants prevail victorious as they have an overall stronger team.

In high school sports, the **ORR Hockey Team** blew another game, as the Bulldogs lost to Wareham on Saturday. Old Rochester was ahead and then somehow fell behind as Wareham came back to win. A few upcoming games for them are on Tuesday, January 23 as they take on Bourne at home. The game was set to start at

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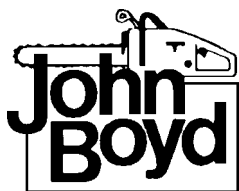
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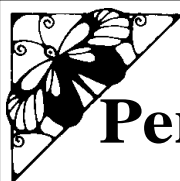


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7:00 pm. Then on Saturday, January 27, the Bulldogs will face New Bedford Voke at Hetland Arena in New Bedford.

As for the **ORR Girls Winter Track** team: they are doing very well as their season comes to a close, with only one loss to Apponequet. There are still a few track meets left in their season, but the majority of these meets the girls have to qualify for. The next meet for the girls is a freshman/sophomore meet on Saturday, January 27. Then the last regular meet for the Lady Bulldogs is on Monday, January 29 as the whole ORR Girls team faces Dighton-Rehoboth. Good luck to all the girls for the rest of their season!

The **ORR Boys Track** team has had a spectacular season thus far! To date, they remain undefeated, but they have one tough opponent left to face in a match against Dighton-Rehoboth. If the Bulldogs beat them — which they can if they try hard — then a banner will be put in the Gymnasium at ORR proclaiming an undefeated season for the Bulldogs. The Boys follow the same schedule as the Girls Track Team, so their season is also coming to a swift end. Good luck to the Boys against Dighton-Rehoboth and great job on a marvelous winter track season!

Please send ideas, comments and suggestions to: Sports, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, or fax, 24-hours-a-day, to (508) 758-4845.

Mattapoisett Cultural Council

The Mattapoisett Cultural Council has announced the awarding of 12 grants totaling \$3,300 for cultural programs in the town. The grants were awarded from a pool of funds distributed to Mattapoisett by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency that supports public programs and educational activities in the arts, sciences, and humanities.

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State Representative William Straus (D-Mattapoisett) will hold district office hours at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA) office in the Knights of Columbus Hall (Route 6 in Mattapoisett) on Friday, February 2 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. No appointment is necessary to attend.

Mattapoisett Machacam Club

The Machacam Club will hold its February meeting on Wednesday, February 7 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm with dinner service at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be William T. Nicholson, Superintendent of Water/Sewer Department in Mattapoisett. Much has happened since Nick's last visit with the club, and he will bring members up-to-date with the current status of several department projects.

Callers are reminded to report their lists no later than 9:00 pm on Monday, February 5.

Marion Census Forms

The 2001 Census Forms were recently mailed to Marion residents. It would be appreciated if residents complete and return the forms as soon as possible. If you have any questions or did not receive a Census Form, please call 748-3526 or 748-3502.

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Richard Wisniewski of Rochester, working in conjunction with the staff at the Plumb Memorial Library, is interested in starting an informal local Geneological Society or Club. He has found family research rewarding and exciting, and would like to share his enthusiasm with others. Meetings would be held at the Plumb Library in Rochester perhaps one evening a month. Activities could include information sharing, inviting speakers from other geneological societies and groups, field trips to cemeteries and other area libraries for research, introduction to

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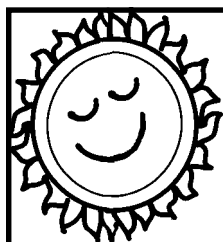


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Rochester Journal

The deadline for submission to the *Rochester Journal Volume III* has been extended. They will accept submissions through April 1, 2001. They are seeking stories, essays, poems, artwork and photographs that capture the essence of the Town of Rochester. They will also accept oral histories on tape and copies of old articles from area newspapers and magazines. Submissions will be accepted from all ages. For more information, please call Lucy Loomis at the Plumb Memorial Library at 763-8600.

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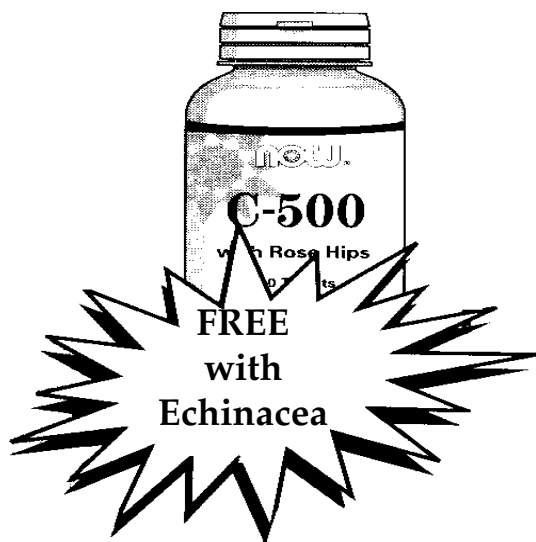
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- 11:00 am to 12:00 noon - Mattapoisett Senior Center, Route 6;
- 1:00 to 2:00 pm - Marion Town House, Spring Street;
- 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm - Rochester Town Hall, Constitution Way.

"I want to encourage any constituent with a question or who may need assistance to attend the office hours," said Senator Pacheco. Senate staff will run the office hours, with Senator Pacheco attending personally, schedule permitting.

EMT Training in Fairhaven

The SouthCoast Fire Safety and Medical Consultants will be offering an EMT Basic Course. Enrollment for this course will take place through March 3. This class will be held beginning March 5 at 6:00 pm at the Fairhaven Fire Department meeting hall, located at 146 Washington Street.

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Mattapoisett PTA

Pizza Night

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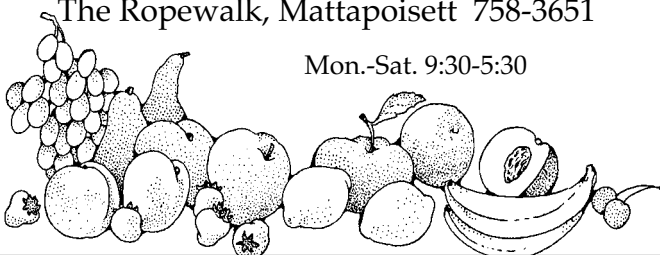
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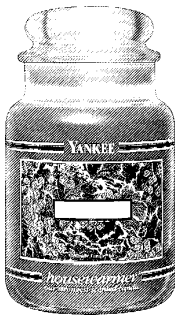
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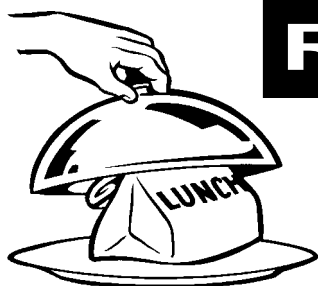


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Monday, January 29 – BBQ rib on a roll, turkey sandwich, potato puffs, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, January 30 – Baked chicken, ham sandwich, mashed potatoes, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, January 31 – Steak'Ums, bologna sandwich, potato puffs, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

■ COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION

Monday, January 29 – Beef barley soup, chicken breast l'orange, broccoli, light rye bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, January 30 – Sweet and sour pork dippers, Oriental rice, vegetable blend, multi-grain roll, pineapple.

Wednesday, January 31 – Roast turkey with gravy, whipped potato, cranberry sauce, winter squash, snowflake roll, birthday cake, graham wafer.

Thursday, February 1 – Tuna noodle casserole, peas, dark rye bread, fruit in light syrup.

Friday, February 2 – Sloppy Joe on a hamburger roll, O'Brien potatoes, cole slaw, smoothie, fresh fruit.

■ CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, January 29 – French toast sticks, sausages, toasted cheese, soup, veggie sticks, warm apple slices, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, January 30 – Cheeseburger/hamburger, ham and cheese pocket, oven fries, pickles, lettuce, tomato, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, January 31 – Lasagna, garlic bread, pepperoni

calzone, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, February 1 – Stuffed crust pizza, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, February 2 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.

■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY and ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Monday, January 29 – Kentucky style chicken, mac rib sub, baked pork chop with gravy, rice pilaf, corn niblets, cranberry sauce, chilled pineapple, orange jello with topping.

Tuesday, January 30 – Cheese pizza, Italian spice pizza, hot pastrami grinder, scrambled eggs with cinnamon bun, Ore Ida Smiles potatoes, orange pinwheels, apple pie.

Wednesday, January 31 – Taco boat with all the fixings, hot dog on a roll, tuna salad roll, Spanish rice, baked beans, Mexican salad, chilled peaches, baked custard with topping.

■ FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, January 29 – Baked macaroni and cheese, potato crunch fish nuggets with sauces, ham salad pocket, grilled chicken club, oven fries, green beans, chilled applesauce, chocolate whip with topping.

Tuesday, January 30 – Italian spice pizza, Italian grinder, scrambled eggs with cinnamon bun, oven potatoes, peas, chilled pineapple, apple pie.

Wednesday, January 31 – EARLY RELEASE (gazebo open).

■ HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL – FAIRHAVEN

Monday, January 29 – Kentucky style chicken, mac rib sub, baked pork chop with gravy, rice pilaf, corn niblets, cranberry sauce, chilled pineapple, orange jello with topping.

Tuesday, January 30 – Cheese pizza, Italian spice pizza, hot pastrami grinder, scrambled eggs with cinnamon bun, Ore Ida Smiles potatoes, orange pinwheels, apple pie.

Wednesday, January 31 – Taco boat with all the fixings, hot dog on a roll, tuna salad roll, Spanish rice, baked beans, Mexican salad, chilled peaches, baked custard with topping.

■ MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, January 29 – French toast sticks, sausages, toasted cheese, soup, veggie sticks, warm apple slices, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, January 30 – Cheeseburger/hamburger, ham and cheese pocket, oven fries, pickles, lettuce, tomato, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, January 31 – Lasagna, garlic bread, pepperoni calzone, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, February 1 – Stuffed crust pizza, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, February 2 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.

■ OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE-TECH HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, January 29 – Hamburger, French fries, green beans, chilled fruit, dessert.

Tuesday, January 30 – Pasta with meat sauce, salad, roll, chocolate whipped cream cake.

Wednesday, January 31 – EARLY RELEASE (no lunch served).

Thursday, February 1 – Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, carrots, muffin, cranberry sauce, cookie.

Friday, February 2 – Soup, seafood salad roll, pizza, potato chips, mixed vegetables, dessert.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL – MATTAPOISETT

Monday, January 29 – French toast sticks, sausages, toasted cheese, soup, veggie sticks, warm apple slices, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, January 30 – Cheeseburger/hamburger, ham and cheese pocket, oven fries, pickles, lettuce, tomato, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, January 31 – Lasagna, garlic bread, pepperoni calzone, tossed salad, soup, fruit,

dessert, milk.

Thursday, February 1 – Stuffed crust pizza, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, February 2 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.

■ ORR JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, January 29 – Soup, baked ziti, double grilled cheese, BBQ ribs, salad, garlic bread, dessert, juice or milk.

Tuesday, January 30 – Clam chowder, chicken patty with potato wedge, pastrami with cheese, buffalo wings, lettuce, tomato, fruit, juice or milk.

Wednesday, January 31 – Soup, spaghetti with meat sauce, ham and cheese croissant, hot dog, garlic bread, green beans, dessert, juice or milk.

Thursday, February 1 – Soup, Italian chicken patty, potato puff, meatball sub, chicken patty, lettuce, tomato, pickle, fruit, juice or milk.

Friday, February 2 – Soup, assorted pizza, chicken nuggets, turkey sub, salad, veggie sticks, dessert, juice or milk.

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, January 29 – French toast sticks, sausages, toasted cheese, soup, veggie sticks, warm apple slices, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, January 30 – Cheeseburger/hamburger, ham and cheese pocket, oven fries, pickles, lettuce, tomato, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, January 31 – Lasagna, garlic bread, pepperoni calzone, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, February 1 – Stuffed crust pizza, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

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Local Police Logs

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 14 through January 20, 2001:

- Benson Brook Road – officer wanted
- Parlowtown Road – general offense
- Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Converse Road – parking violation
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Spring Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle theft/past
- Wareham Road – larceny/past
- Spinnaker Lane – animal complaint
- Spring Street – recovered property
- Rocky Knook Lane – assault and battery/past
- Spring Street – lockout
- Delano Road – annoying phone calls
- Delano Road – family disturbance
- Wareham Road – vehicle fire
- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Allen Street – parking violation
- Wareham Road – general disturbance
- Main Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Park Street – parking violation
- Spring Street – parking violation
- Spring Street – found property
- Front Street – parking violation
- Point Road – parking violation
- Converse Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Point Road – animal complaint
- Blackhall Court – animal complaint

- Wareham Road – larceny/past
- Delano Road – officer wanted
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Wareham Road – officer wanted
- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Marvel Street – animal complaint
- Point Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Water Street – burglar alarm.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 14 through January 20, 2001:

- Industrial Drive – suspicious activity
- Marion Road – loose goat
- North Street – unwanted property
- Aucoot Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Field Street – officer requested
- Water Street – man choking
- Tobey Lane – suspicious activity
- Goodspeed Island – dead fox on side of road
- Acushnet Road – larceny of license plate
- Tinkham Lane – harassing phone calls
- Acushnet Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – icy road conditions
- County Road – modified orders from court
- River Road – suspicious person
- Marion Road – suspicious person
- Water Street – recovered property
- North Street – warrant issued
- County Road – disabled motor vehicle
- Acushnet Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Acushnet Road – complaint of trucks speeding
- Route 195 West – suspicious person
- Fairhaven Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle
- Marion Road – cat hit by car
- Main Street – monkey in yard
- County Road – traffic light out

- County Road – dog lost in Rochester
- North Street – house party/general disturbance
- Fairhaven Road – suspicious activity/motor vehicle
- Industrial Drive – suspicious activity
- Hollywoods Road – vehicle off road
- North Street/Rochester Line – vehicle impeding traffic
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident
- Shipyard Lane – domestic disturbance/assault and battery
- Acushnet Road – protective custody/adult.

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 16 through January 22, 2001:

- Mattapoisett Road – animal control matter
- R.F. Morse – officer wanted
- Cushman Road – road hazard
- North Avenue – suspicious person
- Neck Road – animal complaint
- Mary's Pond Road – animal complaint
- North Avenue – noise complaint
- Stuart Road – vandalism
- Stuart Road – vandalism
- Pierce Street – vandalism
- Mayflower Bank – officer wanted
- Braley Hill Road – road hazard
- Mattapoisett Road – motor vehicle accident
- Bishop Road – parking ban
- Wolf Island Road – motor vehicle accident
- Ryder Road – trespassing
- Clapp Road – car hit deer
- Ryder Road – sleds at landfill
- Haskell Ridge Road – highway matter
- Marion Road – road hazard
- North Avenue – motor vehicle accident
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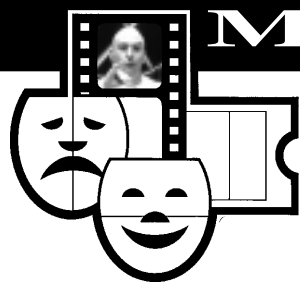
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MOVIE REVIEW

Stooge Odyssey

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O Brother, Where Art Thou?

Starring George Clooney and John Turturro.

Directed by Joel Coen. Running time: 106 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. At selected theaters.

I sincerely hope that the inventive Joel and Ethan Coen aren't tormented by their biggest success, *Fargo*, for the rest of their lives. The Coens have bent over backwards not to repeat themselves; their follow-up to the frozen, rigorous *Fargo* turned out to be the amiable shaggy-dog Raymond Chandler goof *The Big Lebowski*, which annoyed some fans because ... it wasn't *Fargo*. Their new one, *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, may already be suffering from non-*Fargo*-itis (the critics have been unkind). Actually, the most relevant comparison to *O Brother* in the Coen portfolio is the slaphappy, yodelling *Raising Arizona*; and, yep, it's not *Raising Arizona*, either. On its own loopy terms, though, it worked for me.

Someone at Universal decided to give the Coens a lot of money to recreate Depression-era Mississippi, right down to the period clothing on every extra in the crowd shots. If nothing else, *O Brother* is big Hollywood entertainment seen through an indie lens (which, for this film — a first for the Coens — is super-wide Panavision, the better to get that epic feeling). Based, so we're told, on Homer's *The Odyssey*, the story tracks three escaped chain-gang inmates — Ulysses McGill (George Clooney), Pete (John Turturro), and Delmar (Tim Blake Nelson) — on their quest to find some loot buried by Ulysses ("a million-point-two dollars," we hear repeatedly, in a possible spoof on box-office numerology).

If we're to have an anecdotal sketchbook movie, we might as well unleash the Coens on it; they still bang out the most elaborately eccentric dialogue never heard outside a Coen film (George Clooney grins almost nonstop, aware that he's reading the deftest wordplay of his career since snarling his way through Quentin Tarantino's *From Dusk Till Dawn* script), and they give their three heroes three movies' worth of vivid, freshly minted characters to run across during their journey. Some, like John Goodman's



Cyclops-like salesman and a trio of bathing, bewitching beauties, are imported from Homer and given the Coen once-over; others, like soul-selling guitarist Tommy Johnson (Chris Thomas King) and George "Baby-Face" Nelson (Michael Badalucco), are postcards from the Depression.

O Brother is simply the Coens luxuriating in a period setting and having a great time. Critics who dislike the Coens always slam them for making fun of the characters and worlds they so painstakingly build, but I've never gotten that sense from their work; you either accept the Coens' deadpan-absurdist sensibility or you don't, and their characters, for me, are never quirky just for the sake of quirkiness. Even a borderline-slapstick farce like *O Brother*, whose most memorable moments include a Ku Klux Klan sequence that suggests an unholy union of Busby Berkeley and Leni Riefenstahl, lavishes care and attention on the kind of faces you'll never see in a typical youth-appeal thriller starring Ryan Phillippe.

Whether it's a man apparently turned into a toad, a picnic that turns into a beating worthy of *WWF Smackdown*, or a chain-gang brought *en masse* to a movie and taking their seats in perfect synchronicity, the Coens enjoy every bit of weirdness they put on the screen. Nor do they make fun of the wall-to-wall bluegrass music, which, as supervised by T-Bone Burnett, comes to seem like the movie's heart and soul, approaching something like grace even when our heroes are singing (as "the Soggy Bottom Boys") while smothered in ridiculous fake beards.

I wouldn't rank *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* as the Coens' best work (for me, *Miller's Crossing* has yet to be unseated); then again, I wouldn't rank it as their worst, either, perhaps because they have yet to make a "worst" film. Least best, maybe? Let's just say the Coens are still doing what they do, and nobody else is doing anything remotely like it.

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O Brother Where Art Thou? (PG-13) - 12:40, 3:45, 6:50, 9:25

Chocolat (PG-13) - 12:50, 3:50, 7:10, 9:50

The Gift (R) - 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:35

State and Main (R) - 1:15, 4:20, 7:15, 9:30

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Shadow of the Vampire (R) - 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:35, 9:35

The Wedding Planner (PG-13) - 1:00, 3:40, 7:20, 9:40

Chocolat (PG-13) - 12:55, 3:35, 6:50, 9:30

The Pledge (R) - 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50

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Traffic (R) - 12:45, 3:50, 6:55, 9:45

Cast Away (PG-13) - 12:50, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

Snatch (R) - 1:20, 4:20, 7:25, 9:35

What Women Want (PG-13) - 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

Miss Congeniality (PG-13) - 1:15, 4:05, 7:30, 9:55

Double Take (PG-13) - 12:50, 2:55, 5:05, 7:15, 9:25

Save the Last Dance (PG-13) - 1:20, 4:00, 6:55, 9:25

The Gift (R) - 1:40, 4:25, 7:05, 9:35

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Friday (January 26) - Thursday (February 1)

What Women Want (PG-13) - 1:20, 3:50, 6:20, 8:50

Thirteen Days (PG-13) - 1:10, 4:30, 7:40

Finding Forrester (PG-13) - 12:40, 3:40, 6:20, 9:10

Save the Last Dance (PG-13) - 12:50, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30

Double Take (PG-13) - 1:20, 4:10, 6:40, 8:50

The Emperor's New Groove (G) - 1:00, 3:00, 5:00

The Wedding Planner (PG-13) - 1:00, 4:10, 6:50, 9:10

Sugar and Spice (R) - 12:40, 2:50, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20

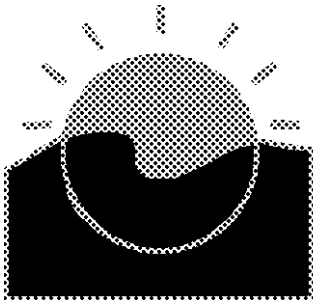
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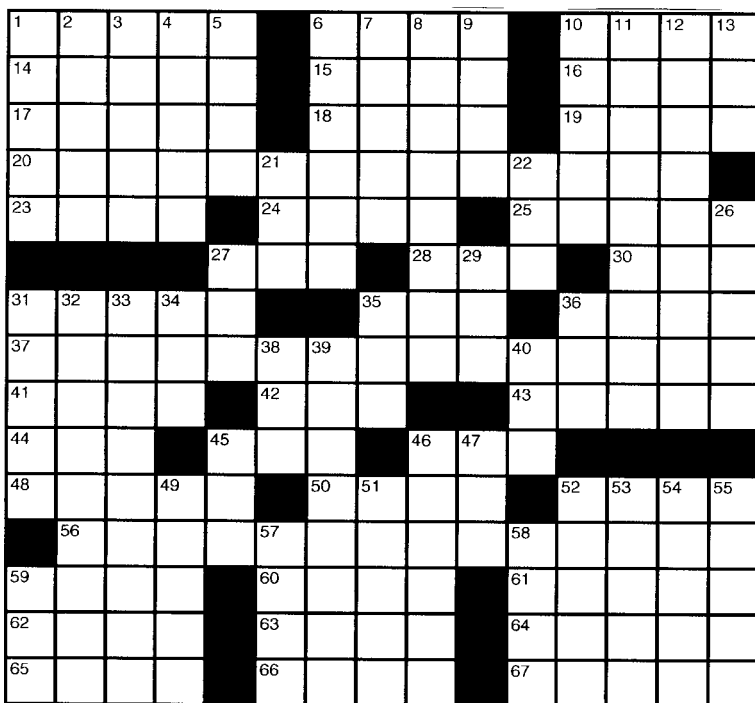
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- 17 Comic Anderson
- 18 Mummified
- 19 "Pretty Woman" co-star
- 20 Epithet for Count Basie
- 23 Rub out
- 24 Charlie Brown's exclamation
- 25 Extreme prefix
- 27 Hibernation chamber
- 28 Mata Hari, e.g.
- 30 Promissory note
- 31 "A Delicate Balance" playwright

- 35 Stretch (out)
- 36 Aroma
- 37 Getz/Gilberto hit (with "The")
- 41 Gardner and others
- 42 Onassis to pals
- 43 "Steppenwolf" author
- 44 Actress Ryan
- 45 Cell substance letters
- 46 New World nat.
- 48 Debate
- 50 Vocal inflection
- 52 Tangy
- 56 Jimmy Stewart western (with "The")
- 59 Standard
- 60 New York canal
- 61 Corpulent
- 62 Comic Johnson
- 63 Watches kids
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- 35 Radio static, in brief
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- 38 Sought office
- 39 Sacred story set to music
- 40 Now I get it!
- 45 Ring off.
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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Get an adversary to put in a good word for you to the boss. But make sure the payback is something you'll be able to afford.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Set a practical theme for your travels. You can make that excursion tax deductible and still have a fabulous time.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). If you brown bag it, you can save enough for a nice excursion. Let a fascinating foreigner talk you out of your dull routine.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Your partner's kind of bossy, but don't put up much of a fuss. You could reap heretofore unimagined benefits.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Friends think you're the best one for the job, so prove them right. Make plans with your partner, but don't get rigid.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A romantic connection is worth the trouble to get there. Sure, the work is piling up, but that's OK.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Love beckons, but you're not quite ready yet. Finish household chores and decoration, so you can relax. Plans you're making show great promise then, but difficulties are encountered.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's back to the books for you, to fix an annoying problem at home. You may be pleased with your success, but don't gloat. It's too likely you'll find more trouble.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Help out a friend and earn a bonus. Do your own investigation and get more of what you want. You've got a mess on your hands. Don't avoid it, just do the best you can.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A friend thinks you can do it, so let yourself be convinced. The money looks too easy, and the problems start showing up. You're kept hopping, but you're up to the challenge.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Gather up the resources and information you still need. There will be delays, you can count on that. This is as it should be, so don't push.

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	<p style="text-align: center;">TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ATTENTION MATTAPOISETT RESIDENTS</p> <p>The Town of Mattapoisett Board of Water/Sewer Commission- ers will hold a meeting to update residents of the CRESCENT BEACH AREA SEWER EXPANSION PROJECT.</p> <p>The meeting will be held on February 7th at 7:00pm in the Old Hammondtown School cafeteria. 1/25, 2/1</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MATTAPOISETT RESIDENTS</p> <p>Fire Flow Testing is scheduled for February 8th and February 9th beginning at 1:00pm each day. The Flow Testing will be done in the center of town near Center School and near Old Hammondtown School. Discolored water may be expected in these areas. We apologize for any inconvenience. William T. Nicholson, Superintendent 1/25</p>	

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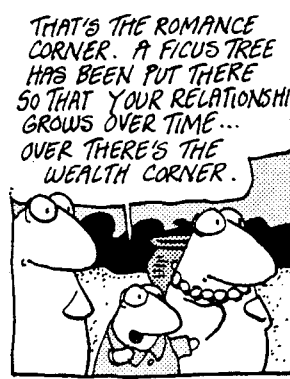
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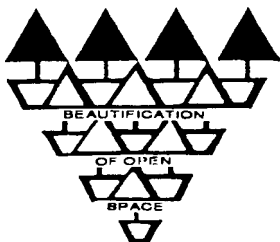
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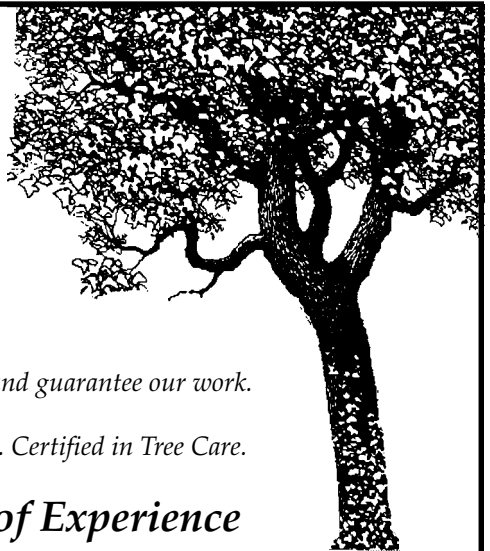


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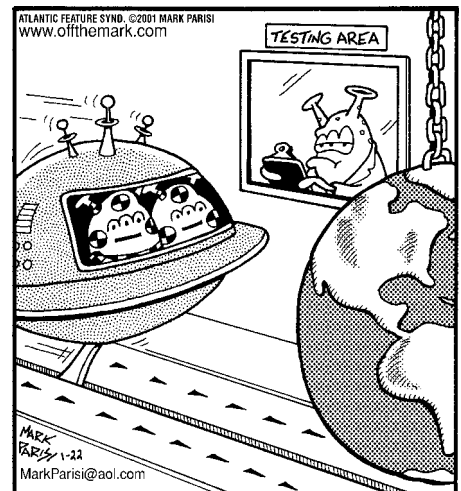
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On Thursday, January 18, the Mattapoissett Woman's Club was treated to a most interesting and informative program by Dr. Alicia Crabbe, RN, DC, of Marion Chiropractic. The title of her program was "Chiropractic: A Way of Life, Not Just Help for Bad Backs." Dr. Crabbe, a Mattapoissett native, stressed that the whole body, not only the nervous system, is treated in her practice.

The Chiropractic philosophy is a way of life, embracing a deep respect for the innate self-healing wisdom of the body. Dr. Crabbe also stressed the importance of the natural way to support ourselves, our immune system, and our health — by use of whole natural foods, plenty of rest, and lots of water, for example. A question and answer time followed her presentation.

On February 15 the club will host a speaker from the Child and Family Services. In the summer, they hold a big fund-raiser with a Garden Tour slated for July 7.

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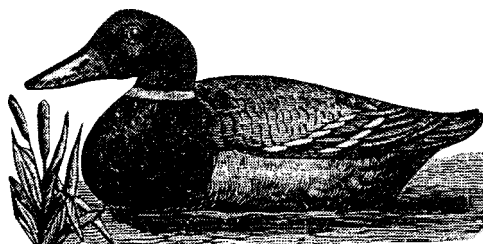
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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Jan. 25:	Thurs.	8:28	8:42	1:26	2:12
Jan. 26:	Fri.	9:03	9:19	2:08	2:47
Jan. 27:	Sat.	9:38	9:56	2:47	3:21
Jan. 28:	Sun.	10:15	10:35	3:25	3:53
Jan. 29:	Mon.	10:55	11:16	4:03	4:27
Jan. 30:	Tues.	11:39	...	4:43	5:04
Jan. 31:	Wed.	12:00	12:27	5:30	5:49
Feb. 1:	Thurs.	12:50	1:21	6:32	6:46
Feb. 2:	Fri.	1:44	2:19	7:52	7:50
Feb. 3:	Sat.	2:46	3:23	9:16	8:56
Feb. 4:	Sun.	3:54	4:29	10:23	9:58
Feb. 5:	Mon.	4:59	5:30	11:21	10:56
Feb. 6:	Tues.	5:58	6:26	...	12:04
Feb. 7:	Wed.	6:53	7:18	12:01	1:06
Feb. 8:	Thurs.	7:44	8:09	12:51	1:54
Feb. 9:	Fri.	8:35	9:01	1:46	2:39
Feb. 10:	Sat.	9:26	9:52	2:40	3:20
Feb. 11:	Sun.	10:17	10:45	3:30	4:00

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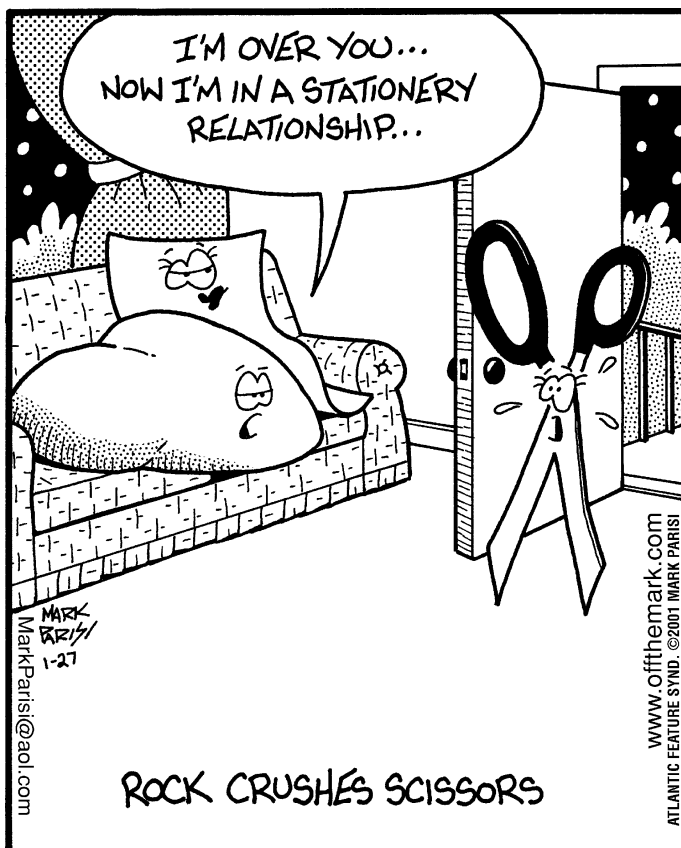
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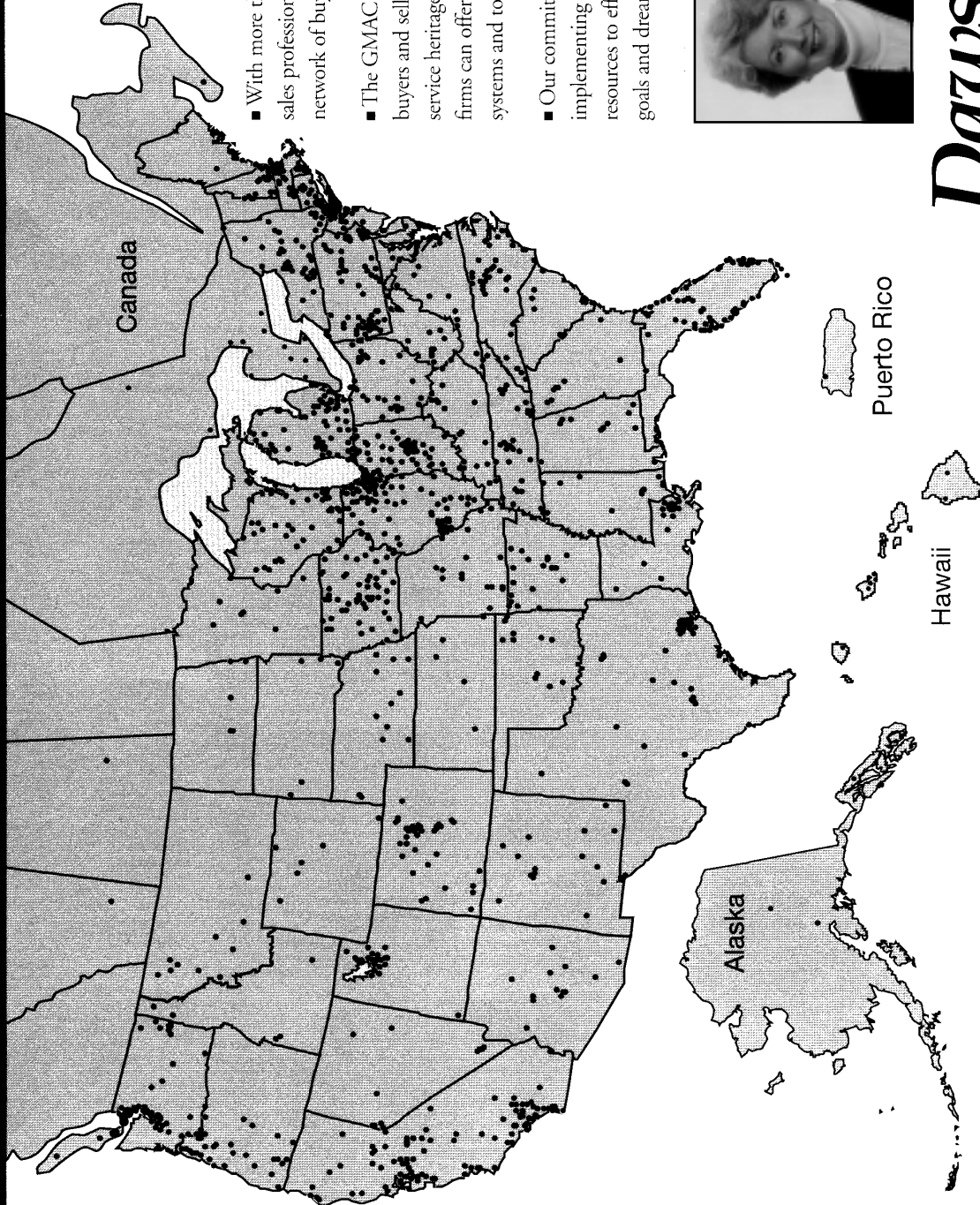
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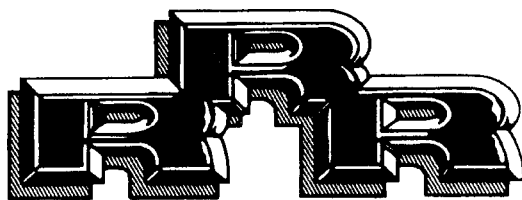


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